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Hecht and Company,  
515 Seventh St.**HUSBAND BLACKED HER EYE**

Mike Engle, the Grand Opera Singer  
Granted a Divorce.

Being Brutal Gustaf Amberg  
Has Another Wife From Whom  
He Has Not Been Freed.

Chicago, April 23.—Mike Engle, the grand opera singer, was yesterday granted a divorce from Gustaf Amberg, the theatrical manager. Mike Engle arrived in Chicago from New York in the morning and was driven to the home of his father, C. S. Engle, a wealthy resident of the North Side.

A lawyer was sent for, who persuaded Judge Tukey to hear the case late in the afternoon. Mike Engle told the court that Amberg had taken her jewels and pawned them, and that he had also taken \$25,000 from her. She said that the real name of Gustaf was not Amberg, but Amberg, and that she married him in Chicago, May 9, 1889.

At that time she said she was unaware that he was not a bachelor and was a widower. Now, she said, she knew he had a wife in Germany, whom he married in 1867. This first wife died in 1873 and came to America, where he had no difficulty in marrying a second wife, although he had never been divorced from the first.

The second wife he married in 1886 and had three children by her. This woman afterward got a divorce from him on the ground of insanity. She said she punished her whenever he needed exercise. Usually it was in hotels where he felt the greatest desire to blacken her eyes, she said. He always attracted the attention of other guests, and usually they had to leave the house on that account.

Negro Preacher Shot to Death.

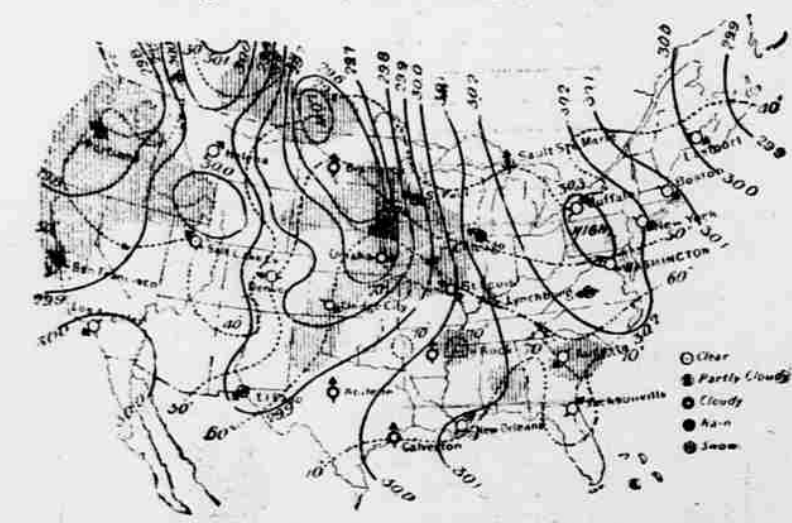
Knoxville, Tenn., April 23.—Bob Chambers, a negro preacher, was tied to a tree and shot to death by a mob at Cranberry, N. C., Tuesday night. He had attempted to chloroform and rape Mrs. Wilson. In order to get the people away from the house so as to present a favorable opportunity, Chambers fired a gun. A pistol, a large knife, and a bottle of chloroform were found in the room. He confessed the deed and said he and a companion intended similar outrages if successful in this case.

But Factories Destroyed.

Danbury, Conn., April 23.—Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed Macklin & Son's and Davenport & Von Gals' hat factories and George Taylor's tobacco store. The total loss will reach \$68,000, partly insured.

**THE TIMES DAILY WEATHER MAP.**

Prepared at the United States Weather Bureau.



Forecast Till 8 p. m. Friday.  
For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia, fair tonight; Friday, fair, but with increasing cloudiness; warmer; east to south winds.

At various locations and General Forecast.

The barometer has risen in the districts on the Atlantic coast and at Rocky Mountain, and it has fallen from Texas northward to Minnesota and Dakota. The area of high pressure covers the Atlantic coast districts, central over Pennsylvania, and an area of low pressure covers the Northwest, central over North Dakota.

The temperature has risen in the central valleys and lake regions; and it is cooler on the Middle and South Atlantic coast, and at southern and extreme northern Rocky Mountain stations.

The weather is fair this morning, except in the Mississippi and Missouri valleys, where cloudy weather and showers are reported.

The weather will continue generally fair along the Atlantic coast, with slowly rising temperature in the interior Friday.

**BIG DEMAND FOR LICENSES**

Hackmen Getting Ready for Conventions This Year.

**PLANS OF THE OFFICIALS**

Mrs. Sperry Complains of an Old Nuisance and the Building Inspector Orders the Building Involved to Be Torn Down—The Stevens School, Minor District Matters.

The assessor's office is just now engaged with the hucksters and peddlers, the income for each of which occupations having become due April 1. When these are disposed of, the assessor will be called upon to deal with the hucksters and peddlers, the income for each of which occupations having become due April 1.

It is anticipated that there will be a great demand for the hucksters' privilege this year, owing to the anticipated large attendance upon the sessions of the Christian Endeavor Convention in July. License Clerk Montague recalled this morning a similar demand, the occasion of the G. A. R. encampment, when the office ran out of badges and had to resort to the method of issuing numbers ending with one-half, to accommodate the unusually large number of applicants.

Mr. Montague predicts the same state of affairs this year and will make his arrangements accordingly.

**AN OLD NUISANCE**

Mrs. Hannah B. Sperry, of the National Woman's Trade Association, has added another long list of complaints against the continuance of what she dominates a gross nuisance at No. 319 Delaware avenue northeast.

Mrs. Sperry's address is given as No. 321 of that avenue. The next residence to the right is that of a woman who is said to remain next door. Her physicians once certified that a long illness from which she suffered was due to the surroundings.

For four years, Mrs. Sperry says, the residents of the square have persistently kept before the Health Officer, the Inspector of Buildings and the Commissioners that the nuisance exists, and she repeats in a recent communication to the health department that the buildings are in a tumble-down condition, have no sewerage and no water.

An order was issued by the Building Inspector last year, she says, for the premises to be vacated, and assurance was given that the order would be enforced within thirty days from its date, but it is still unexecuted.

Building Inspector Brady has given orders for action to be taken at once for the abatement of the nuisance, and his income direction being, "Get rid of this house." It will doubtless be so.

**STEVENS SCHOOL BUILDING**

Bids will be opened on Saturday, the 25th instant, for the contract to reconstruct the Stevens school building, in the north-west section of the city, in accordance with the plans approved by the building inspector last September.

The improvement will consist of the construction of a new center building, complete with a considerable increase in the number of rooms, and built upon modern designs.

This is the school over the transfer of which to the Miner building there was so much commotion last fall, the proposition for the change meeting with an emphatic refusal from the leading citizens resident of the neighborhood in which the Miner building is located.

**DISTINGUISHED CAREER CLOSED**

Col. Mercer, Professor at West Point, Dies Suddenly.

(Special to The Times.)

West Point, N. Y., April 23.—Col. James Mercer, who died suddenly at Fort Monroe yesterday, was professor of civil and military engineering at the West Point Military Academy. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1844 and graduated from West Point in 1866.

The military career of the deceased has been a distinguished one. He was the assistant engineer in the great undertaking of blowing up Hell Gate in 1876 and was also connected with other successful undertakings. The remains will be interred here tomorrow with military honors.

**Anna Cannon Sues for Divorce**

Anna Cannon, through her attorney, W. Preston Williams, began proceedings for divorce from her husband, John E. Cannon, today. She charges him with desertion. The two were married January 4, 1876, by Rev. Father Burk, in this city and lived together until July 20, 1893.

**McClellan Will Filed**

The will of the late John R. McClellan has been filed for probate. The estate is divided equally among Robert J. McClellan, a brother; Fannie McClellan, a niece, and Oliver H. Reed, son-in-law of the deceased. The house at No. 41 P street northwest is included in the property. Mr. Reed is nominated executor.

**BOTH ROADS DESIRE IT**

House District Committee Hearing of Street Car Magistrates.

**EXTENSION TO THE WEST**

The Capital Traction Company Opposes the Plan of the Columbia Line—Mr. Dunlop and Mr. Myers Antagonized Each Other—Some Questions of Veracity.

The House District Committee this morning gave a hearing on the proposed westward extension of the Columbia and Capital Traction street railway companies, seeking to use practically the same route.

In all respects this was the most important hearing of the kind during this session and a number of prominent people were present, among them being George T. Dunlop, president, and Charles C. Glover, vice-president of the Capital Traction Company; President Phillips and Attorney Nathaniel Wilson of the Metropolitan, President Griswold of the Anacostia line, E. J. Stellwagen, Thomas W. Smith, T. Percy Myers, President Tuerk of the North-east Citizens' Association and others.

The bill under consideration allows the Columbia line to extend its double tracks from the present terminus at Fifteenth street and New York avenue north on Fifteenth to H. along H. to Seventeenth street, south on Seventeenth to F street north, thence with a single track along F street north to New Hampshire avenue, thence with a single track double track along New Hampshire avenue to the Potomac River, and with a single track from the intersection of F street north and New Hampshire avenue to G street north, and along G street north to Seventeenth street west, there to connect with the double track from H street north, with the right at any time to extend its said line to the intersection of F street north and the intersection of F street north and Twenty-third street west, along Twenty-third street west to the Potomac River, with authority to move and propel its cars on the line so constructed with an underground electric power, or other mechanical power, or as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may approve.

**THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TRACTION COMPANY**

desires to use their own tracks to Seventeenth street and extend them over the same route.

**AN OLD REQUEST**

Mr. Wilson spoke in favor of the Columbia's proposed extension, and said it was what the company had been asking for the past four or five years. The company was always given to understand that the Washington and Georgetown road made no objection except on the ground that the running of horse cars over a portion of their lines would seriously interfere with their business. The territory then seemed to be a matter of no consequence.

As the result of such understanding, the Columbia people borrowed \$500,000 and began to build tracks, and to obviate this objection. Now the road had been changed so as to not enter upon the tracks of the National Capital Traction Company, but they still persisted in objecting.

Mr. Wilson called attention to the existing business previously given on the subject, and which finally resulted in a favorable report being made last year, after a prolonged contest, authorizing the Columbia to make the extension. He called attention to the old suggestion that the Traction Company should give directly to the Columbia the right to use its tracks on Fourteenth street to Pennsylvania avenue.

Several hundred people living along the line of the proposed extension had petitioned for its construction, on the ground that the road would be more convenient to them than the Traction line, which did not extend at all into the eastern portion of the city.

He referred to the transfer system in force between the Columbia and Metropolitan lines, and said that the road was thereby distributed over a wide extent of territory. The bill provides that but one fare shall be charged for passage on both systems. The proposed extension covers but about one mile. The aggregate length of the two lines is about 10 miles. It is considerably greater than that of the Traction Company. Provision is also made for the consolidation of the two roads.

**USE THE TRACKS**

Mr. Wilson said it has been found perfectly practicable to run the same car on a cable of underground electric line and hence there would be no difficulty in using the Metropolitan tracks between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets.

Mr. Babcock asked why the circuit could not be made around Fourteenth instead of Fifteenth street. Mr. Wilson replied that in addition to Fourteenth street being very narrow and already overcrowded, it is especially desirable that they should reach the Treasury Department and vicinity.

"It is the greatest desire of every American citizen," said Mr. Wilson, "to get to the United States Treasury by the shortest route, and would not be diverted therefrom."

**FIVE CASES OF THEFT**

Clothes, a Bicycle and Flowers Are Taken by Sneaks.

Sneak thieves continue to display considerable activity in their crooked calling. Five cases of theft were reported to Inspector Hollenberger at police headquarters today.

A light spring overcoat, the property of C. W. Neale, who resides at No. 2029 I street northwest, was stolen yesterday afternoon by a sneak, from the baseball park.

A coat and cardigan jacket were stolen from Charles I. Kellogg of No. 1829 Fourth street northwest.

H. F. Pollock, who is stopping at the Mount Vernon Hotel on Fourth and a-half street, reports his Fairmount bicycle stolen from in front of No. 1309 S street northwest.

A suit of clothes and two pairs of pants were taken from the residence of George W. Boyd, corner of Twelfth and Water streets southwest.

Flower thieves have also commenced their spring depredations. Dr. Rue of No. 205 Ninth street northwest reports a rubber plant taken from his front yard last night.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Licenses to marry have been issued as follows:

William Humphreys and Lillie Edelman, Henry B. Bohrer of Montgomery county, Md., and Alice M. Robinson.

Solomon Busey and Ellen Carey, James R. Davis and Gertrude A. Gish, Sherman Curry of Woodbury, N. J., and Lucy A. Henderson.

Robert L. Turner and Emma Hall, George W. Brett and Virginia A. Markham.

**Criminals Sent to Prison**

William Harris, colored, was convicted of housebreaking in Judge Cole's court this morning and sentenced to Albany for five years. He broke into the stable of Abram B. Frisbie, April 13, and stole a set of harness.

John Newton, colored, was convicted of a second offense of petit larceny and was sent to the penitentiary for three years. Newton stole a suit of clothes from an old employer.

**STARTING LITTLE ONES**

Louis Robinson's Children Were Seen Eating Young Grass.

**POLICE REPORT THE CASE**

Most Pathetic Instance of Suffering and Privation Recorded—A Visit to the Family Shows Their Condition Not to Have Been Exaggerated—Husband Too Ill to Work.

The children of a destitute family in South Washington were seen yesterday grubbing for roots and young bushes of grass which grew along the sidewalk, to check the awful pangs of starvation.

The father is sick and helpless, and the mother is also in a most pitiable condition, both being unable to provide the necessities of life for their starving little ones, who are on the verge of starvation in a Christian community, and surrounded by plenty.

The case was reported to Police Lieut. Vernon of the Fourth, of South Washington, last night. His officers made a quick investigation, found the matter had not been exaggerated in the least, and that the family was a most deserving one.

"It is the most terrible case of destitution that has ever been brought before me," said the kind-hearted lieutenant. "One that would appeal to a heart of stone."

There was not a penny left in the police charity fund at the Fourth, but the officers made up a purse to supply the immediate wants of the stricken family.

**A TALK WITH MRS. ROBINSON**

Louis Robinson is the father of the children. The family lives at No. 1309 Third street southwest, and consists of the stricken man, his wife and several small children. Robinson was formerly a soldier in the regular army, stationed at the Arsenal. He is so truly raptured as to be almost unable to move his wasted body.

The police report him as "utterly helpless." There is no food or fuel in the house, and the police poor fund is exhausted. The father has been an invalid three months, and the neighbor who reported the case when he saw the Robinson children grubbing for roots, said the family had suffered greatly. The family is a worthy and deserving one, Lieut. Vernon added, and he hopes some means may be found to relieve their dire distress.

**REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EVENING TIMES**

visited the Robinson home this morning. He found that the circumstances of the case as reported by the police had not been exaggerated in the least. Mrs. Robinson, a rather intelligent young woman, had her infant, Walter, ten months of age, in her arms. About the mother, a woman of about thirty years of age, running of her countenance, a lot of four summers, and Louis, who has just turned his fifth birthday.

The home and its inmates were clean and tidy, notwithstanding the fact that the mother was so weak and sick, and that the father was so helpless.

The husband is thirty-one years of age. Last winter he was employed as a coupe driver, and while lifting the vehicle was ruptured so badly that he has been a helpless invalid ever since.

"I am glad to see you," said the mother, "but I am afraid that we will suffer more than we have, during his absence from us."

When asked if she had eaten breakfast this morning, Mrs. Robinson replied that she did some washing for a neighbor, almost as poor as herself, last night, and received 15 cents. With this a scant meal for six persons was provided.

"God alone knows," said the wife, "where we will get our dinner."

**DAYS WITHOUT BREAD**

Mrs. Robinson also said the family had gone days at a time during the severe winter without food or fuel. The only aid she received was from the police and what little her neighbors could give.

"They are almost as poor as we are," she said, "but the fact that they could spare has kept life in our bodies. I am willing to work, to do any sort of labor, but how can I here are four children babies, who need to be fed, and an invalid husband. They require my constant attention. Oh, it is a sad, sad affair!"

The invalid husband is being attended by Dr. Richardson of Seventh and D streets southwest, physician to the poor for that section. He, too, thinks the husband should be treated at a hospital, but the poor man is devoted to his wife and bonny tots and hates to leave them, as he expresses it, to their fate.

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**Household Needs in Hardware...**

With spring at hand comes house-fixing-up time. Experience teaches every housekeeper the wisdom of preparing for warm weather. Here's mention today of a few timely things that'll index our way of putting prices.

**Screen Doors**

Complete with spring hinges—hook and eye, knob, etc.—all ready to hang—good enough to be sold at \$1.10. Our price is 75 cents each.

**Gas Stoves**

An excellent example of the value we give in our Gas Stoves. A nickel-plated Gas Stove for \$1. Practical, serviceable and a bargain.

**Ice Cream Freezers**

\$1.35 Three-litre, size—your choice—of two good makes—The "Eclair" or "Arctic." In the 1-litre size of the famous "Gem" Freezer.

**Grass Shaving**

Every man's own lawn mower—fixed up and sharpened for \$2—called for and delivered at your house.

**Window Screens**

Clean enough to make you wonder who's our profit comes in—the each and large enough for ordinary windows.

**Garden Hose**

Repairing your old hose and delivering it will cost you 25¢ if we do it! Here's our \$2.50 offer—25 ft. Garden Hose complete, with nozzle and couplings, \$1.75.

**Barber & Ross,**

DEALERS IN HARDWARE,  
11th and G Streets N. W.

**BURIAL OF GEORGE BOGUS**

Eliguent Address by Father Stafford at St. Patrick's Church.

**MISSING FROM HIS HOME**

Young Man With Suicidal Tendencies Cannot Be Found.

**Palibators Were All Ex-Presidents of Carroll Institute—Prominent Catholics in Attendance.**

Funeral services over the late George Bogus, president of Carroll Institute, were held this morning at St. Patrick's Church on Tenth street. The attendance was unusually large, and many members of the Catholic societies of which he had been a member honored his memory by their presence.

From early morning the remains were visited at Carroll Institute by friends of the deceased. It was there that the funeral procession began. The absence of flowers was noticeable, and the country was in mourning, as they were in accordance with the deceased's expressed wishes.

In the reception room, to the right of the main entrance, the casket stood in the center. All the members of Carroll Institute wore badges, with the inscription, "Truth and Duty." Covering the white insignia was a piece of black crepe.

Just before the arrival of Father Stafford, who delivered the opening prayer, the remains were viewed by the orphans of St. Joseph's Orphanage and St. Vincent's Asylum.

The boys, under the leadership of Sister Euphrasia, and the girls, chaperoned by Sister Matilda, marched in one door of the building, past the casket, and out the other door, where they formed in line on the pavement and marched to St. Patrick's Church behind the hearse.

At the church solemn requiem mass was celebrated, with Father Stafford as celebrant, and Father Healy and Father Magee, deacon and sub-deacon.

Father Stafford delivered the address. He said the deceased had lived a life like the white flower of purity. He had lived with a pure soul and upright heart. He had lived up to every requirement of religion. During the time of Father Walter and Father Keane he was their right arm. Among his many actions, one was to visit the workhouse every Sunday. He worked zealously for Carroll Institute.

"I have to say to the young men," continued Father Stafford, "be like George Bogus; be honest, pure, upright; be men; be faithful Catholics like he was; be charitable to the poor, and finally let us all cherish his memory and his good deeds."

Following the address, the choir sang "Nearer My God to Thee," after which the mourners and friends filed from the church. The interment was in Glenwood Cemetery.

The pallbearers were all ex-presidents of Carroll Institute. They were Dominic L. Murphy, Thomas J. Sullivan, Robert J. Murphy, Edward J. Hannan, M. Edmund Mallett, and Edward W. Sohn.

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